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R.I. HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL, WAKEFIELD,
RHODE ISLAND

NAVY review(s) completed.

RHODE ISLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Monday, December 10, 1973

1. Minutes of the meeting of October 15, 1973 were approved.
2. Present were: Dr. Harry Evarts, Dr. Ferrante, Dr. William Flanagan, Dr. Morris Gaebe, Dr. Charles Hummel, Sister Lucille McKillop, Sister Doreen O'Grady, The Very Reverend Thomas Peterson, Reverend Robert Randall, Dr. Talbot Rantoul, and Dr. Charles Willard.

3. In his opening comments, the Chairman reminded the group that the ground rules for the Council were: 1) No substitutions should be sent, 2) Decisions must be unanimous. ~~_____~~

Dr. Harry Evarts, the Chairman, read the memo of November 14 from Mr. Donald Galamaga. It was suggested that members individually respond asking why and for what purpose.

4. Father Peterson and Dr. Evarts reported on the state aid project. They reported that Commissioner Burke agrees that his obligation is to the learners in Rhode Island. Father Peterson and Dr. Evarts have kept to their position that state aid should follow the student, that preference should go to the first two years of education or its equivalent. There has been no commitment with respect to state aid at present, the process is one of fact-finding.

Dr. Gaebe suggested also that we consider workshops for high school guidance counselors regarding financial aid.

5. The presidents discussed solutions on their campuses with respect to the energy crisis. Dr. Evarts asked that facts on the energy crisis be sent to his office so that a joint statement on the colleges relative to the cooperation of the colleges in relation to the energy crisis could be sent to the press.
6. The next meeting will be held at Mount St. Joseph College on April 8, 1974 at 12:00 noon.

The meeting was adjourned and a delightful dinner was provided by Dr. Ferrante of the University of Rhode Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Lucille McKillop
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Secretary

RHODE ISLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 1974

A special meeting of the Rhode Island Higher Education Council was held on Tuesday, January 15, in the President's Office at the Rhode Island School of Design. Present at the meeting were: Mr. Talbot Rantoul, Sister Doreen O'Grady, Father Peterson, Father Milmore, Mr. Daniel Ryan, Dr. Harry Evarts, Dean Koester, Father Randall, Dr. Donald Hornig and Sister Lucille McKillop.

The meeting was called to discuss recent developments relative to the question of state financial aid for post-secondary education. Father Peterson then summarized the discussion of his sub-committee re: the work of the Governor's Commission. The Commission was formed to review the entire Rhode Island Scholarship program. He pointed out that the present program is geared to merit, not to need. The new scholarship program is geared more to need. It is a program in which students have a right to two years of post-secondary education, traditional or vocational, according to their interests. The concept dictating this program is that state aid should follow the student. He also emphasized that the Commission is interested in all learners in Rhode Island and that this involves the question of scholarship aid for all adults.

There was a discussion on the "emancipated" student, and the relative advantages or disadvantages of terming that person as independent. The relative value of considering need and catering to all the needs of the students was also discussed.

Dr. Evarts stated the problem presented by a scholarship program geared to all learners. What does it mean for the survival of the private institution? The question of state aid to higher education for those in college or in vocational school will have severe ramifications for the private institutions. The student should get aid no matter where he goes but Dr. Evarts expressed the opinion that unless there was aid specifically for the student going to college it would be difficult to get students to attend college at all. What is the specific reason for student aid?

The question was raised as to whether the student going to college should get more financial aid than the student going to some other area of post-secondary education.

Commissioner Burke is apparently in favor of school assistance which is broadly based; all post-secondary education should receive support; no school (proprietary, private, public) should be excluded. Should we conclude that every student would be eligible for state support regardless of school or type of school attended for the first two years. It was the general consensus of the group that the money should follow the student, but that we cannot accept the principle that all types of education are equal. Some set of values must be established.

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DATE April 3, 1974

TO Members of the Rhode Island Higher Education Council
FROM Harry F. Evarts, Chairman
SUBJECT 1202 Commission

At the Governor's suggestion Father Thomas Peterson, Donald Hornig, and I met with Albert Carlotti, Fred Burke, and John Kane regarding the 1202 Commission. The meeting was held at Brown University on March 28, 1974, at 4 p.m. Thoughts were exchanged! After the meeting our group decided I should prepare a position paper, a copy of which is attached in letter form.

There may be developments, yet, this week. We can discuss the situation at our regular meeting scheduled for Monday at Mount St. Joseph's.

Harry F. Evarts
Chairman

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cc: Donald Hornig
Father Peterson



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April 2, 1974

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Gentlemen:

Since our March 28th meeting, we have talked with our colleagues and have discussed further our position relative to the 1202 Commission for Rhode Island. We feel that the compromise position we adopted after several earlier meetings is a solid one based upon the following:

1. The Board of Regents is responsible for all public education as stated in the statute establishing the Board (Chapter 249, 1973 Public Laws). It is noteworthy that Section 16-49-13 provides that the terms "colleges" and "institutions of higher learning" or words of similar import shall be taken to mean only the state supported colleges--URI, RIC, and RIJC.
2. The Regents spend more than 95 percent of their time with the concerns of the three public institutions. They become involved in the nomination, recruitment, and appointment of presidents and vice presidents. They act on faculty promotions and tenure, review budgetary problems, and otherwise become involved with the overall operations of the three state post secondary institutions. This near total immersion in the activities of the three public institutions would seem to limit objectivity if the Regents were called upon to deal with the planning for all post secondary institutions as the State 1202 Commission.

The Board of Regents has the responsibility under Section 16-49-4 (2) of the Rhode Island legislation, "To approve a master plan defining broad goals and objectives for all levels of education in the state; elementary, secondary, and higher." (public higher education as defined in Section 16-49-13 above). The Commissioner is charged with the duty in Section 16-49-6 (2), "To supervise the master planning process for all levels of education in the state; elementary, secondary and higher, to coordinate the goals and objectives of the public education sector with the activities of the private sector where feasible provided that the commissioner shall communicate with and seek the advice of those concerned with and affected by its determinations as a regular procedure in arriving at its conclusions and in setting its policy." The Higher Education Act requires of the

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State 1202 Commission, ". . . studies with respect to all public and private post secondary educational resources in the state, including planning necessary for such resources to be better coordinated, improved, expanded, or altered . . .".

It seems clear from the State legislation that the Regents are required to approve a Master Plan for all public education defining broad goals and objectives; but it is also clear that the Regents do not meet the tests of Federal legislation to qualify for the allocation of Federal funds. The State 1202 Commission is responsible for planning for all post secondary education. Since only a single plan should be developed if at all possible, it seems reasonable that the sub-committee for post secondary education of the Board of Regents be deeply involved in such a planning process, and, therefore, should be part of the 1202 Commission. A master plan for post secondary education will be developed by the 1202 Commission and then embodied in the overall plan for all education in Rhode Island.

It does not seem reasonable that the Regents nor its operational arm--the Department of Education--write a master plan for all post secondary education when, by law, the Regents are responsible for solely public education and the Commissioner specifically for public education planning and governance. The difference between the concept of participatory governance which Section 1202 does not call for, and participatory planning which Section 1202 does call for, must be emphasized. The designation of the present Board of Regents as a 1202 Commission would be unfortunate in that the Board will be subjected to the inevitable problem of duality . . . comprehensive planning for all post secondary education (within 1202) on the one hand, and overall responsibility for public post secondary education (as the Board of Regents) on the other.

To meet this problem of duality with an expanded Board of Regents serving as a 1202 Commission would be unwieldy tokenism. The addition of six persons to the Board of Regents when serving as the 1202 Commission does not resolve any of the three aforementioned problems. A Commission where 17 members represent public post secondary education can hardly meet the "broadly and equitable representative" requirement of the Federal legislation.

We feel that our proposed membership for the State 1202 Commission is a workable compromise: the five members of the Board of Regents Post Secondary Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and two representatives each from the public, private, and proprietary institutions of Rhode Island. With six Regents and two representatives of the public institutions the Commission could be considered too heavily weighted in favor of the public institution, and not in compliance with the "broadly and equitably representative" provisions of the Act. The Federal Statutory Requirements will be met within our proposal when the six Regent members serve as the representatives of the general public. The membership ratios of 6:2:2:2 is a far more workable and equitable commission than the aforementioned 15:2:2:2 proposed membership.

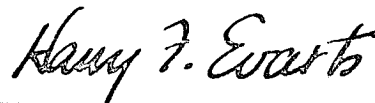
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The tasks before both the Regent's Post Secondary Committee and the 1202 Commission are closely related--planning for post secondary education in Rhode Island. This is the compelling reason for including the membership of the Regent's post secondary education committee on the 1202 Commission. This common membership will enable the work of both groups to be closely coordinated.

We believe our proposed 1202 plan meets the requirements of the federal act and is in the best interest of post secondary education in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,



Harry F. Evarts, Chairman
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Robert J. Smith

March 29, 1974

Vice Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Stansfield Turner

Dear Stan:

The next regular meeting of the Rhode Island Higher Education Council will be a luncheon meeting at twelve o'clock noon, Monday, April 8, 1974, at Mount St. Joseph's College, Wakefield, Rhode Island.

Enclosed are copies of the minutes of previous meetings held on December 10th at the University of Rhode Island and January 15th at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Items you wish to be included on the agenda for the April 8th meeting should be telephoned to me at 231-1200, extension 333, by Friday, April 5th.

Sincerely,

Harry F. Evarts

Harry F. Evarts
Chairman

HE/dh
Enclosures

P. S. I am also enclosing directions to Wakefield.